

LEWISBERRY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY APRIL 1, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Patrick Groft, Council President, leading in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Patrick Groft, Council President; Wayne Branyan, Mayor; Council Members: Michelle Fletcher, Mark Keener, Dan Soltis, Maureen Berezna; and Robert Lewis (via Zoom, but the connection ended at New Business)

Also Present: Yvonne Allard, Borough Manager; P. Daniel Altland, Solicitor

PUBLIC PRESENT *SEE ATTACHED SIGN IN SHEET*

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC

- Lt. Boyles reports that there were 11 calls for service in March 2024. He reports that Officer Miller was on patrol in the Borough and was the first to discover the structure fire at 317 W Front St and called in for the department. Sargeant Yeager spoke to the owner of the basketball hoop getting pushed into the road and obstructing the stop sign at 3rd and Nebinger, and the owner agreed to move it.
- Residents discussed the blocking of the mailboxes at North and W Front St. It is on the agenda for later discussion, but was discussed here. The yellow curb marking is not currently at the 30' from the stop sign as it should be. Council Member Soltis states he will paint the curb as it should be.
- Resident Sandy Fogle states she has passed around a handout about the activities of the library. She inquires as to why the lease is month to month and asks if the Borough plans to evict the library. Discussion ensued.
- Resident Terry Yinger wants to know how much of the curb in front of his property will be no parking due to the stop sign. Council Member Soltis says 20' from an intersection and 30' from a stop sign. Discussion ensued.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Maureen **BEREZNAK** made a motion, seconded by Daniel **SOLTIS** to approve the March 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried, 6-0.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES AND RECEIPTS

- Mark **KEENER** made a motion, seconded by Maureen **BEREZNAK** to approve the General Fund, Electric Fund, Road Fund, and Building Maintenance account invoices for payment. Motion carried, 6-0.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- Solicitor Altland states his items will fall under New Business.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Branyan states he attended the York County Borough's Association meeting last week and discusses the excellent presentation on fraud. The slides were sent out and will be provided to council.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Road Committee:

- Council Member Soltis states the following:
 - He and Council Member Lewis will get some aquafault and patch potholes.
 - Federal Surplus will be sourced to inquire about a line sprayer.
 - The curb at W Front St and North St will be painted 30' back from the stop sign to stop parking in front of the mailboxes.

Electric Committee:

- Council Member Fletcher brings forth the following:
 - States Gettle has completed the work is for the cutouts and lightning arrestors.
 - She and Council Member Soltis attended the safety conference at Cabela's last week hosted by AMP, and got in contact with the TESCO rep, which has a program for refurbished smart meters for \$25 a piece. She will look into the program further.
- Council Member Soltis states the following:
 - The door at the electric shed is in need of repair
 - He and Council Member Keener went to look for the electric underground mapping for Lewisberry Ct and Nebinger St. Discussion ensued.
 - The fire at 315 and 317 W Front Street needed the meters removed. Codes came to inspect the 315 W Front St and stated the meter could be restored for the first floor of the structure. The meter has been reinstalled accordingly.
 - There are some issues with connections into properties where the feed into a residence are pigtailed and not direct connections.
 - Poles need to be inspected as some are in need of replacement. E24 and E25 definitely need replacing. Cutouts will be put on when poles are replaced.
- Manager Allard states that correspondence was received from AMP that they will be moving forward with the DOE GRIP Topic II application and a questionnaire will need to be submitted by April 15th requesting specific information regarding Lewisberry Borough's electric system.

Insurance Committee:

- Manager Allard states she had the annual meeting with H.A. Thompson last month, there will be a rate hike of 10-15%.

Building and Grounds Committee:

- Council Member Soltis states the following:
 - He has been taking around numerous companies for preventative maintenance for the HVAC systems.
 - He has procured a weed eater for maintenance personnel,
 - He will work on the fridge at the park building.

OLD BUSINESS

- Engineer Trout states the first portion of the Walnut Lane restoration project, the portion for the storm sewer from Heck Hill to Nebinger has been advertised. The second advertisement for the remainder of Walnut Lane and South Street will be sent out for advertising this week. Bid opening is scheduled to be decided at the May 6th meeting. Discussion ensued.

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- Council Member Bereznak states the committee for reviewing the proposed noise ordinance met and discussed what items they would like included. Discussion ensued.

NEW BUSINESS

- Council Member Soltis states the following:
 - That he would like to see a rental property safety inspection program instated. Manager Allard states that there is a training being offered by the Pennsylvania State Borough's Association and she will register Council Member Soltis for the training as well as herself.
 - The Borough installed a pipe between his property and his neighbor, and due to the water that drains into his yard, there are times when the grass is higher and because it is so wet, he is not able to mow it. He would like it noted that if a nuisance complaint were launched, this is something the Borough installed and it is not due to negligence, but due to standing water and the area being too soggy. He would like Council to recognize this issue and have it recorded if an issue would ever come up.
- Council Member Bereznak brings forth the following:
 - She was contacted by York County Elections that the position of Judge of Elections is vacant and someone will need to be appointed. Discussion ensued. The vacancy will be posted on the Borough website for any interested parties to contact York County.
 - Poses the question on who is responsible for removing trees in danger of falling along the unopened roads. Since it is a private access for the adjoining homeowners it's no one's responsibility at this point. The Borough does not own nor maintain the access and therefore is immune from lawsuit should a tree from the area fall onto someone's property. The alley could be vacated and all adjoining landowners would become owners of the property and would be noted on their deeds. Discussion ensued. If a tree is in danger of falling, the adjoining property owner can remove the tree.
- Manager Allard brings forth the following:
 - A letter was received from Council Member Winters announcing his resignation from Council due to moving out of the Borough. A motion was made by Mark **KEENER**, seconded by Daniel **SOLTIS** to accept Council Member Winters' resignation. Motion carried, 5-0. Solicitor Altland states an announcement can be posted on the Borough website for any interested persons to contact Manager Allard with a letter of interest to fill the remaining term of Council Member Winters' seat.
 - Frontier is putting fiber on the Borough's electric poles. She questioned whether this was in accordance with the pole attachment agreement, however, the pole attachment agreement was drafted in the 1950s. Solicitor Altland states a new pole attachment agreement should be drafted and executed so the poles can be assessed if the poles can handle the extra weight. Solicitor Altland will contact Frontier and find out what they are doing and look into an updated pole attachment agreement.

TABLE

- No items

ADJOURN MEETING

Michelle **FLETCHER** made a motion, seconded by Maureen **BEREZNAK** to adjourn the regular meeting. Motion carried, 5-0.

April 1, 2024

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Name

Affiliation

Byron Trout

GLBA

SANDY FOGNE

Robert E. Griffith

BOROUGH RESIDENT

Pam Seltis

Resident

Todd M Smith

resident

Steve Haines

Resident

Frank Gumbine

Resident

Tommy Ryzner

Resident.